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SUBJECT: AIG

REF: A) STATE 24835; B) LAGOS 1155

1. JANUARY 31, WE DISCUSSED PRESENT STATE OF AIG CASE
WITH COMPANY AND WITH WHITE AND CASE, THE COMPANY'S ATTORNEYS
BOTH THE COMPANY AND WHITE AND CASE CONSIDER THE PROSPECT
FOR A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF THE COMPANY'S COMPLAINT
TO BE BLEAK. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THE COMPANY HAS
NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ITS COMPROMISE
PROPOSALS TO THE POLITICAL LEVEL OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERN-
MENT, AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT AIG NOT CONSIDER A CLAIM
OF EXPROPRIATION UNTIL IT HAS HAD A CHANCE TO ASSESS
THE FMG'S REACTION TO ITS PROPOSALS. WE HAVE SAID
THE EMBASSY IN LAGOS WILL TRY ONCE AGAIN TO ARRANGE A
MEETING. WE HAVE ALSO SUMMARIZED THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS
REGARDING AN APPROACH BY THE COMPANY TO DANJUMA (REF B)
AND HAVE AGREED TO SUGGEST WAYS IN WHICH THE COMPANY
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MIGHT BRING ITS CASE TO DANJUMA'S ATTENTION.

2.ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S
VIEWS ON FOLLOWING. THE AMBASSADOR (OR CHARGE) SHOULD
RAISE THE AIG CASE WITH GARBA AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY,

AND URGE GARBA TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SMC IN ORDER THAT THE COMPANY MAY PRESENT ITS COMPROMISE PROPOSALS. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM DANJUMA, PERHAPS AS PART OF THE BRIEFING HE MIGHT NORMALLY EXPECT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES, THAT THE COMPANY WISHES TO BRING THEIR CASE TO HIS ATTENTION WHILE HE IS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE WOULD AGREE TO MEET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY AT A TIME TO BE AGREED UPON.

3. WE HAVE NOT MENTIONED TO AIG AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PROPOSAL TO WRITE TO A COMMISSIONER (REF A), BUT WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS POINT AS WELL. VANCE

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